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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

***Restriction Requirement***

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-21 drawn to a propulsion system and related fuel system classified in Class 60, subclass 723, and
- II. Claims 22-28 drawn to a method of operating a fuel system classified in Class 60, subclass 777.

The inventions of Groups I and II above are distinct because the apparatus of Group I could be operated according to a method materially different than that of Group II. The claimed method, for example, requires inhibiting formation of coke and insoluble materials, but the claimed apparatus could be operated without necessarily performing such functions.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and require separate classification and/or divergent fields of search, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicants are advised that even in the event that the restriction requirement is traversed, the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined.

In addition to the above division between method and apparatus, further election of individual species is required.

### ***Species Election***

This application encompasses several different species of the inventive subject matter. The different species are independent and/or distinct because they have mutually exclusive features, and the different species also require divergent fields of search and/or the application of different reference material. The species are described in detail below.

There are two alternative system configurations shown respectively in Figures 1 and 5, two alternative deoxygenators shown respectively in Figures 2 and 3, and alternative metal and zeolite catalysts as described on page 4. Pursuant to 35 USC 121, applicants are required for a complete response to elect a single disclosed species by selecting one of the alternative system configurations, one of the alternative deoxygenators, and one of the alternative catalysts. The combination of the selected system configuration, deoxygenator, and catalyst will constitute the elected species. Applicants are additionally required to list all claims readable on the elected species including any claims subsequently added (MPEP 809.02(a)).

Claims 1, 12, and 22 appear to be generic.

Applicants are further advised that a mere argument alleging that a generic claim is allowable will not satisfy a species election requirement. For a complete response, applicants must elect a single species and list the claims readable on that species as set forth above. (Note that the combined division and species election requirement

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would make election by telephone difficult, and hence, applicants have not been offered the option of a telephone election in this instance.)



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If repeated attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the art unit supervisor, Anthony Stashick, can be reached at 571-272-4561.

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